

EXHIBIT A

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1 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

2 DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

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4 In re: :
5 : Chapter 7

6 PREHIRED, LLC, et al., : Case No. 22-11007 (JTD)

7 Debtors. : (Jointly Administered)

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23 U.S. BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 MR. JORDAN: Your Honor, I apologize, Ms. Croke is
3 correct. I apologize. I am wrong and she was right on this
4 issue. She moved, the State did move the partial summary
5 judgment. They just, I got confused because they cited so
6 many times for the pre-hired entities as being the parties.
7 But she's right, technically, they didn't include them on
8 the docket file. So, that is my error.

9 THE COURT: Okay. Anything else?

10 MR. JORDAN: One other item that I would address
11 is that the Trustee, Mr. Palacio, did make a point that, in
12 addition to the definition of successor and assign, and
13 still no point that there were assignments there. They did
14 have the opportunity to exclude assign and just keep
15 successors of Prehired as being released parties. But they
16 didn't, and the State of Washington didn't. So, the plain
17 language does include me as a released party.

18 And then, one other point I'd just like to make,
19 Your Honor, is that any attempt by the State of Washington
20 or the Trustee to now claim that I was not intended to be a
21 released party, it's just contradicting the plain order of
22 the document. And I believe it contradicts ... oh my gosh ...
23 gosh, contra proferentem, where you can't go back and
24 reinterpret something that self-servers you just because it
25 now serves a different purpose. I'm sorry if I'm misquoting

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1 ... contra ...

2 THE COURT: Contra proferentem. I know what
3 you're talking about, contra proferentem. I know what
4 you're talking about.

5 MR. JORDAN: Yes, okay. So, I just would like to
6 say that this is ... again, I'm a pro se litigant and I feel
7 like, like if state agencies can just change the definitions
8 of actual words and say no, that word doesn't actually mean
9 that, it should mean something else after they benefitted
10 from it. I'm like, how is a regular guy supposed to just
11 live his life and help create businesses and churches and
12 like, I'm just, I'm ... so that's just the way I feel about
13 this, Your Honor, is like ... I'm trying my best here and I
14 just feel like it is what it is and the state just doesn't
15 like it. And the way I look at it is like, they're the
16 State, like they're big boys and girls. Like, they made a
17 mistake, okay, like, but you got to stick to what was agreed
18 and what became an order. And I'll stop there.

19 THE COURT: All right, thank you. All right.
20 Well, I've read the papers, I've listened to the arguments.
21 And Mr. Jordan, unfortunately, you have a lot of problems
22 with your motion.

23 First of all, I agree with the State; it is
24 procedurally improper. You did not raise this issue with me
25 prior to the entry of judgment against you in the State of

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1 Washington. If you had done so, you could have proceeded my
2 motion and I could have just told the State you can't
3 proceed against him if, in fact, I found that you were
4 released under the terms of the release, but we'll get to
5 that in a moment.

6 What you're asking me to do now is say, yes, the
7 State violated the order, they went ahead and got judgment
8 against you, and now you want me to compel them to take
9 action in Washington State Court, to undo what they did.
10 That's a mandatory injunction. That requires an adversary
11 proceeding. You're also asking for damages, which requires
12 an adversary proceeding, and you're asking for sanctions,
13 which requires an adversary proceeding.

14 So, procedurally, your motion is invalid. Even if
15 we could proceed on the merits of your motion, I find that
16 it is not ... not a valid request.

17 The, this assignment was not pursued, or was not
18 disclosed during the bankruptcy proceeding. Mr. Palacio
19 said he did, they were aware of it, I don't know at what
20 time they were aware of it. But even if it was, even if
21 they were, it would have been something that the estate
22 could have avoided, as either a preference or a fraudulent
23 conveyance.

24 And even if valid, even if I could consider the
25 motion, the assignment, I agree with Mr. Palacio and the

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1 State of Washington, that this assignment assigns, as is
2 referred to in the release provision, is not an assignment
3 of just particular claims; it's an assignment that the
4 Debtor is transferring all of its assets and liabilities to
5 another party. You can assign it, you can be a successor by
6 having a merger and assignment is something different;
7 you're assigning your assets and liabilities to someone
8 else. All you did was assign the assets to yourself, not
9 the liabilities. That is not what was contemplated by the
10 terms of the release.

11 In addition, the State has indicated, and I agree
12 with them based on the law of the State of Washington, that
13 they were pursuing this action against you in your
14 individual capacity. So, even if you validly assigned, and
15 you were an assignee of the Debtor's liabilities, which you
16 are not, but assuming you were, that didn't alleviate you of
17 your personal liabilities. And individuals can be held
18 liable -- corporate officers, directors, managing agents,
19 can be held liable -- for the actions taken during their
20 work for a corporation. You did ... to have a release under
21 this provision of the plan, it would have had to include a
22 release for officers, directors and managing agents, and the
23 release does not do so. It only released the Debtors, and
24 the Debtors only, so you still have your personal liability
25 to the State of Washington.

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1 So, for all of those reasons, I find that the
2 motion is procedurally improper in the first instance, and
3 two, even if it isn't, it is not a valid motion, and I find,
4 I'm going to sustain the objection of the State of
5 Washington, and deny your motion.

6 Any questions?

7 MR. JORDAN: No, Your Honor. I understand.

8 THE COURT: The State of Washington, any
9 questions?

10 MS. CROKE: No questions, Your Honor.

11 THE COURT: Thank you. Anything else for today?

12 I think that was all we had on the agenda. All right, thank
13 you all very much. We are adjourned.

14 MS. CROKE: Thank you.

15 (Whereupon these proceedings were concluded at
16 11:52 AM)

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